THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Following the adoption of a Resolution by the J and K State Assembly on 26.6.2000 seeking restoration of pre-1953 status, the Laddakh Autonomous Hill Development Council in its meeting held on 30.6.2000 has passed a resolution demanding complete separation of Laddakh from J and K State in the form of a Union Territory.

Demand for separate Tamil Nation

1152. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference was organised at Erode in Tamil Nadu in which speeches were made for creating a separate Tamil Nation;

(b) if so, what deliberations were made in the conference and what is the outcome of the conference; and

(c) whether he himself participated in the said conference in which the photograph of the LTTE leader Prabhakaran was prominently displayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per available information, speeches regarding creation of a separate Tamil Nation in India were not made in the Conference at Erode which was aimed to mark solidarity with the plight of Sri Lankan Tamils. There is no report indicating that the photograph of the LTTE leader, Prabhakaran, was prominently displayed at the venue of the Conference in which Hon'ble Home Minister also participated.

Rape Cases in Delhi

1153. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rape cases reported in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the current year;

(b) how many of the victims are foreigners who have not only been raped but also cheated; and

(c) whether the culprits in all the cases have been arrested and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) During the current year (upto 1st July, 2000) 259 cases of rape were reported in Delhi. In two cases, victims were foreigners who were allegedly also cheated, Out of the 259 reported cases, 235 cases have been worked out in which 327 persons have been so far arrested.

Conversions in Tamil Nadu

1154. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mass religious conversions are getting reported from Southern Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of the information available with Government; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to check repetition of Meenakshipuram incident of 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No such report of mass conversions in Southern Tamil Nadu has been received.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Militant Outfits in J and K

1155. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the militant groups and outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of such groups banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act or other such law, in respect of which such ban has been withdrawn or allowed to lapse; and

(c) whether any talks with such groups have been held or arranged, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Laskar-e-Toiba, Hizab-ul-